

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 9

THE BARREN FIG TREE AND THE DEFILED TEMPLE.

(Temperance)
LESSON TEXT—Mark 11:12-23.
GOLDEN TEXT—"By their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:20.

Event crowds fast upon the heels of event during the days of this most tragic week in all the history of the world. Temperance means restraint and a constraining proper use of God given appetites and privileges, hence the significance of this lesson as emphasizing the principles of temperance.

I. Sealing, vv. 12-14. The day following his triumphal entry into Jerusalem Jesus and his disciples journeyed from Bethany, his abiding place, each night, into the city. Seeing leaves upon the fig trees, he had a right to look for fruit, for the fruit of that tree comes before the foliage. But none is found, and Jesus seals its barrenness. His act was a parable in action, Hosea 10:1. Profession had superseded possession, and Israel is therefore to be judged, set aside, until the day when they shall look upon him whom they have pierced.

Cleansed the Temple.

II. Cleansing, vv. 15-19. Entering the familiar scenes of the city and temple, whence the hosannas had echoed so loudly the day previous, Jesus saw its desecration and degradation. Outwardly a delight, it was inwardly deceitful, "a den of robbers," and his anger waxed hot. Everything he saw and banished was in some way connected with the temple worship. Even so the most holy things created by the wisdom of a loving God may become the instruments of the most despicable degradation. Ostensibly in the name of religion these temple merchants were in reality ministering to self and private gain. As at the beginning of his ministry so again Jesus exercised his authority and cleansed the temple from its pollution and for a time (v. 16) guarded it from further desecration.

The temperance application at this point is very clear. Appetite, mental or physical, is a God given faculty, but must be kept within control. Properly used they are a delight, a blessing to the man and his friends. Allowed to rule and appetites are terrific task masters. Purify the fountain of a man's heart, govern his motive and the stream of his acts will bless all, himself included.

III. Forgiving, vv. 20-25. The next day on the way from Bethany to Jerusalem they again passed the fig tree and it was withered. The disciples marveled at the swift execution of his curse and Peter calls attention to it, v. 21, Matt. 21:12, 20. In reply Jesus again emphasizes the lesson, "Have faith in God." This does not mean that this is an explanation of how he withered the tree, but rather why it had died. Israel was placing its trust elsewhere than in God, and therefore withers from the "roots upward." Notice that the root is not blasted, and a beautiful tree will again blossom forth from the living root. So Israel shall once again spring up into a new and fruitful nation, Isa. 27:6. Jesus' teaching by this tree is an illustration of wherein Israel had failed. They had not faith in God. Faith can remove mountains, and no difficulty can hinder those who have faith in God, Mark 9:23. Faith grows upon the word, Rom. 10:7, yet love is greater, 1 Cor. 13:2. If we really desire the things we pray for, we shall have them. We not only expect but go beyond in our petition and count as ours the things asked for. The lack of a forgiving spirit will effectually shut us out from God.

Authority Challenged.

IV. Challenged, vv. 27-33. Upon again entering the city and the temple, there came to Jesus the chief priests, scribes and elders who challenged the authority by which he wrought these things, undoubtedly referring to his triumphal entry and to his cleansing of the temple. His reply is a counter challenge concerning the baptism of John. For at least two years John had been dead and his voice silent with a probable forgetfulness on the part of these men, and a decreasing influence of his message upon their lives. Yet the question of Jesus had projected power as he brought John back to them with this question as to his authority, "was it from heaven, or of men?" That there was keen sarcasm and cold logic embodied in his question is revealed by the recorded dilemma of his enemies, vv. 31, 32.

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On the night when Parnell's Vindication became overwhelming and complete, Mr. Goodman issued an order that every article and every item in the whole paper, big or little, should end with the exclamation: "A Great Day for Ireland!" It was tempting fate to do such a thing, and, of course, the inevitable happened.

"One Hennessey, the janitor of a public building in Brooklyn, playing on the top floor with his children, fell over the railing of the air well and was killed. 'A Great Day for Ireland!'"

"Grim old Recorder Smythe had before him a notorious burglar called O'Shaughnessy and sentenced him to 65 years in Sing Sing. 'A Great Day for Ireland!'"

"William Mulrooney, a widely known philanthropist of the East side, choked to death on a chicken bone. 'A Great Day for Ireland!'"

The editor-in-chief Col. John A. Cockerill, saw the proofs in time to prevent a riot and extra correspondents were called in to take out the offending lines.

Is Positive Proof.

Some little uptown boys were playing "judge," a game invented by the daddy of two of the boys. They think it's lots of fun. One of the boys in the game impersonates a judge, another the district attorney, another a criminal, while others are the foreman of the jury, a policeman, a jailer and the attorney for the defense. Any that remain are jurymen. After one of the youngsters commits a "crime" he is arrested and brought to trial with all the legal formalities the children can remember.

This time one of the youngsters was supposed to have killed another, but he protested his innocence vigorously. Then up rose the "victim."

"Of course you did it!" he said. "Can't you see I'm dead?"—New York Tribune.

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Exe—Shopping, my dear?

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"You must remember also, Harry," she continued, "that you've got to work while you're young if you want to be a successful man when you grow up. Look at your father, for instance. Why do you think he stays late in his office three or four hours every week?"

"D'you know, Miss Jones?" he exclaimed.

"Of course I do," she replied. "Well," he muttered, as he drove his hands deeper into his pockets, "you keep it to yourself, if mother got to know there'd be a nice old row."

There would be more perfectly honest people in the world if it wasn't so easy to separate a fool from his money.

When our side wins it is always the Triumph of Right over Wrong.

A girl just can't help admiring a young man who flirts with her.

The New "Fourth."

John A. Bates, who for many years has presided at an all-night drug store in the Tenderloin, has the last word to say on the question of a safe and sane Fourth.

"Dull night, Doc," observed one of the regulars as the holiday was about over.

"Dull! I should say it was," replied Bates; "it's been so dull I've been refusing to sell alcohol all night, thinking it was Sunday."—New York Tribune.

Who'll Volunteer.

"It is proposed to give the maiden aunt her due."

"At the altar?"

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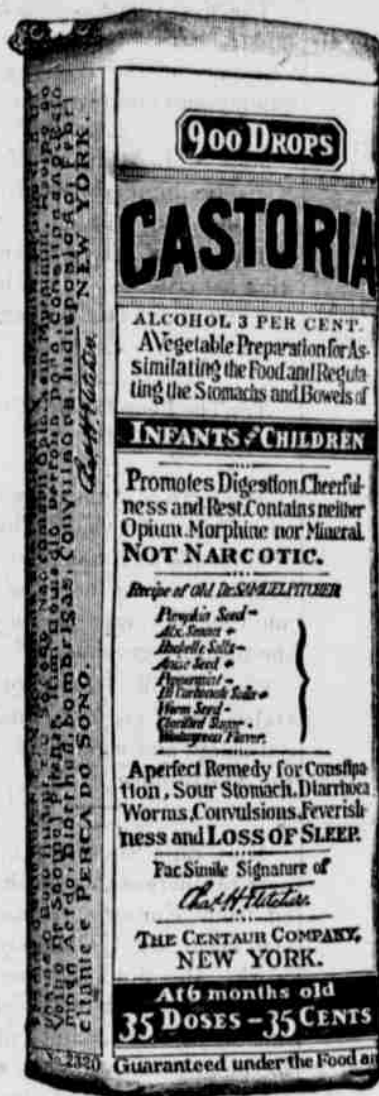
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Domestic Tragedy.

"It must be done!" "With the air of an empress the young wife swept from the room. The young husband groaned aloud and prepared for the worst.

There was a dread pause. "It is done!" she exclaimed, triumphantly, as she placed on the table the first pie she had ever made in all her life.

Expert Testimony.

"They say," declared Brown "that twins are always alike in disposition—do the same things at the same time. How is it, Jones?"

"All I can say," replied Jones, the father of twin babies, "is that I wish mine would sleep at the same time."

A Suggestion.

Mrs. Flatte—Don't you think this hair sofa of ours looks a little dirty? Mr. Flatte—Yes; why not let your maid shampoo it?

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